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**From:** Salley - CDPHE, Mark  
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Mark, have you heard anything from EPA on this. We are trying to determine who would be comms lead. Our understanding is that this is an EPA location.

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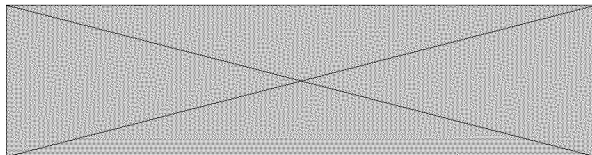
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EPA's response team was working on rehabilitating a portal at the Gold King Mine near Silverton this morning and a plug blew that discharged hundreds of thousands of gallons water contaminated with heavy metals and debris, the volume of which is approximately 20 to 30 feet deep, into Upper Cement Creek. The heavy metals include iron, zinc and copper. We estimate the water will hit the confluence with Las Animas in the next 10-15 minutes and flow through Silverton.

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